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SUBJECT: Council of Europe Invitation to U. S. Congressional Delegation

TO: The American Consulate, Strasbourg

REF: Consulate despatch 97 January 23, 1957

The Consulate has expressed interest in developments regarding the invitation to a second Strasbourg Conference extended to the U. S. Congress by the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe. Enclosed, for your information only, is the text of a letter sent from the Department of State to the Office of the Vice-President in response to the latter's request for comments on the desirability of Congressional acceptance of the invitation.

The Department will endeavor to keep the Consulate informed of further developments as they occur. At the present moment, it is the Department's understanding that Congressional leaders are considering the invitation. A date in the latter part of April would probably be more convenient than March 18-22 in terms of the present legislative schedule.

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Enclosure: Letter to the Assistant to the Vice-President  
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